

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as indicated.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

A₁ Sub C₁ > 6. (Amended) The quick release system according to claim [4] 1, further comprising a locking means.

A₂ Sub C₁ > 10. (Amended) The quick release system according to claim [6] 7, wherein the locking pin is spring loaded to bias the locking pin into the locking position.

A₃ Sub C₁ > 15. (Amended) The quick release system according to claim 13, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking notch and wherein the locking pin extends into the locking notch to prevent movement of the [handle] slidable retaining means away from the second notch.

A₄ Sub C₁ > 19. (Amended) The quick release system according to claim 17, wherein the [head] bolt head further comprises a second annular channel.

A₅ Sub C₁ > 27. (Amended) The side bracket plate according to claim 25, wherein the side bracket plate has a locking notch formed therein and wherein [he] the locking pin is configured for advancement into the locking notch.

Please add new claims 28 through 35 as follows:

Sub 4 > 28. (New) A quick release system for mounting a backrest on a motorcycle, the system comprising:

a side bracket plate having a first, forward notch extending inwardly generally horizontally from a front end of the side bracket plate, and a second notch disposed adjacent a back end of the side bracket, extending generally upwardly into the side bracket plate from a bottom thereof, the first and second notches being configured to receive a bolt head;

a slidable retaining pin mounted to the side bracket plate, rearwardly from the second notch for selectively allowing movement of a bolt head into the second notch, the slidable retaining pin being movable between a first, forward position wherein the slidable retaining pin prevents advancement of a bolt head into and out of the notch, and a second position wherein the retaining pin allows movement of the bolt head into or out of the notch, and wherein the retaining pin is biased into the first position.

29. (New) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 28, further comprising a locking member for selectively preventing movement of the slidable retaining pin into the second position.

30. (New) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 29, wherein the slidable retaining pin is attached to a handle and wherein the locking member is disposed in the handle.

31. (New) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 30, wherein a locking notch is disposed in the side bracket plate and wherein the locking member is biased to extend into the locking notch.

32. (New) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 31, wherein the locking member moves perpendicular to the slidable retaining pin.

33. (New) The quick release system for mounting a backrest according to claim 28, further comprising a handle which slides along the side bracket plate.

34. (New) The quick release system for mounting a back rest on a motorcycle, comprising:

a side bracket plate configured for holding a backrest of a motorcycle, the side bracket plate having a first notch and a second notch formed therein, each for receiving a bolt head; and

a slidable retaining pin disposed adjacent at least one of the notches and movable between a first position wherein the slidable retaining pin prevents movement of a bolt head out of the at least one of the notches, to a second position allowing removal of a bolt head out of the at least one of the notches, so as to selectively prevent a bolt head from being slid out of the one of the notches.

35. (New) The quick release system according to claim 34, further comprising a locking member for selectively preventing movement of the slidable retaining pin into the second position.